



AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-29. (Cancelled).

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) An isolated DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a DNA sequence consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:35 or a sequence complementary thereto, and
- (b) a DNA sequence which hybridizes with the DNA sequence defined in (a) above under washing conditions of 0.1 x SSC/0.05% SDS at 50°C, wherein the DNA sequence is capable of expressing a polypeptide having cranial nerve growth activity and/or nerve regenerating activity.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) An expression vector comprising the DNA sequence of Claim 30.

Claim 32. (Previously Presented) An isolated transformant comprising the expression vector of Claim 31.

Claim 33. (Previously Presented) A process of producing a polypeptide having cranial nerve growth activity and/or nerve regenerating activity, comprising culturing the transformant of Claim 32 under suitable conditions so as to express said polynucleotide, and recovering said polypeptide having cranial nerve growth activity and/or nerve regenerating activity.

Claims 34-35. (Cancelled).